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SUBJECT: GERMAN VIEWS ON THE EU ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST CHINA
AND THE FEBRUARY 22 EU FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL

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[1](#)B. FEBRUARY 17 KONICK E-MAIL

Classified By: POLITICAL MINISTER COUNSELOR GEORGE GLASS. REASONS: 1.4
(B) AND (D).

[1](#)1. (U) Post delivered points from both reftels to deputy MFA
European Correspondent Hans-Peter Jugel on February 19.

EU ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST CHINA

[1](#)2. (C) In response to our reaffirmation of U.S. opposition to
a lifting of the EU arms embargo against China, Jugel
distanced Germany from Spanish and French efforts to bring
this up for discussion in the EU. He emphasized that Germany
"currently" had "no intention" of supporting a lifting of the
embargo. He agreed that now was not the right time to change
the status quo.
IRAN

[1](#)3. (C) Jugel emphasized that Germany continued to believe
that the EU should avoid any public discussion or
consideration of autonomous EU sanctions to avoid
"endangering" the fragile ongoing process of bringing Russia
and China on board in supporting a new UNSCR. He said the
discussion of Iran at the February 22 FAC will therefore
focus on the implications of the latest IAEA report regarding
Iran's nuclear program and bringing the rest of the EU up to
speed on the most recent deliberations of the E3 plus 3.

UKRAINE

[1](#)4. (C) Jugel agreed that the successful conduct of the
presidential election, which the OSCE monitors had uniformly
judged to be free and fair, provided a positive example for
the rest of the region. He said it was not yet clear whether
EU High Rep Ashton would attend the February 25 inauguration
of Yanukovich. Because of other prior commitments, FM
Westerwelle will not be able to go, but Jugel said Germany would
almost certainly be represented by someone from Berlin.

HAITI

[1](#)5. (C) Jugel said the foreign ministers would discuss
"lessons learned" from the earthquake episode. He said that
Germany had been "satisfied" with the EU's role, but conceded
that other member states, particularly France, had been
unhappy that the EU was not more prominent and that Ashton
did not travel there. Jugel noted that the EU Commission and
member states had already contributed a combined 219 million
Euros in Haiti relief. He said that did not include the
additional 100 million Euros that the EU was planning to make
available for reconstruction or the 90 million Euros it had
just offered in humanitarian aid in response to the UN's

February 18 "flash" appeal. Jugel highlighted the German contribution of 15 million Euros in humanitarian assistance, as well as the 2 million Euros for the Haiti police (in lieu of sending gendarmerie forces, which, unlike France and Italy, Germany does not have). Jugel also noted that private German donations to Haiti have totaled 86 million Euros so far.

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